Transformation of Calcutta into "MEGA CITY"

368. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Planning Commission has since accepted the West Bengal State Government's proposal to transform Calcutta into a "Mega City" with its own World Trade Centre ; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the funding pattern for the development of Calcutta ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infra-structural Development of Mega Cities which also includes Calcutta has been approved. Project report indicating the components for coverage under the Scheme has been submitted by the Government of West Bengal which will be processed by the nodal/Ministry of the Government, that is, the Ministry of Urban Development.

(b) The pattern of funding for the Scheme is ;

(i) Central Government (25%)

(ii) State Government (25%) and

(iii) Institution/Market borrowings (50%).

मध्य प्रदेश के लिए सरकार के पास पड़ी लंबित योजनाएं

369. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या **योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार द्वारा केन्द्र सरकार की स्वीकृति हेतु प्रस्तुत की गई लंबित योजनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है,

(ख) प्रत्येक योजना की वर्तमान स्थिति क्या है, और

(ग) इन परियोजनाओं तथा योजनाओं को कब तक स्वीकृति दे दिए जाने की संभावना है ?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) से (ग) मध्य प्रदेश की कोई स्कीम योजना आयोग की स्वीकृति के लिए लंबित नहीं है ।

Development Blocks in Madhya Pradesh Identified by Government

370. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of Development blocks which have been identified in Madhya Pradesh under new package programme of Government ;

(b) what are the details of activities likely to be undertaken under this programme in each disrict ; and

(c) what is the estimated quantum of amount allocated by Government for this purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c) The Government of India has recently launched three new schemes viz, Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) ; Mahila Samridhi Yojana (MSY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS). Under PMRY educated unemployed youth in rural area fulfulling eligibility criteria will be provided financial assistance upto Rupees One lakh with 15% subsidy, subject to maximum of Rs. 7,500 for setting up business/service/manufacturing venture. Under MSY women will be encouraged to open and operate Savings Accounts in rural Post Offices in their own names. They will be paid incentive of 25% of the deposit subject to Rs. 75 for an amount of Rs. 300 with a lock in period of 12 months. Thes schemes are being implemented throughout the country.

2. The Employment Assurance Schemes (EAS) will provide assured employment to the rural poor in 1752 identified Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) Blocks in the country of which 223 Blocks are in 23 Districts of Madhya Pradesh as per list given in Annexure are covered under this [*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 6]. In this scheme those who are in need and seeking employment in rural areas will get assured wage employment for 100 days during the lean agricultural season. Expenditure under the Programme will be shared by the Centre and the States in the ratio of 80:20. The Ministry of Rural Developuent has already released Rs. 5 lakh per block under the scheme during the current financial year.

Report of the Committee of National Development Council

371. SHRI VIREN J SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have examined the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee of National Development Council (NDC) on austerity ;

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations which have been accepted by Government; and

(c) what action have so far been taken on each of them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c) After consideration of the recommendations, it was decided to take necessary follow-up measures required for decision, awaiting consideration by the N.D.C.

The measures related to the recommendation of the Committee to contain non-plan expenditure and mobilise additional resources, in order to protect the financing of Eighth Five Year Plan 1992—97 outlay. The report of the Committee was discussed by the NDC in its meeting held on April 5, 1993. The NDC directed in this meeting that (1) Planning Commission could hold wider consultations on the recommendations with political parties and Trade Unions; and (2) set-up a Committee on Power.

Action on these has been completed. The conclusions of the discussions by the Planning Commission with political parties and Trade Unions were submitted to the NDC in its meeting held on September 18, 1993. The Report of the Committee on Power is awaited.

Pending final view on the recommendations, Central Government have been emphasising the need for mobilising resources and containing. non-plan expenditure, particularly in the Annual Plan discussions with the Central Ministries and the States.

Unemployment Problem in the Country

372. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the MINISTER OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have initiated any action to solve the unemployment problem in the country in general and in Gujarat and Maharashtra in particular;

(b) if so, the details of the programmes formulated and launched by Government to provide employment in the current year state-wise; and

(c) what funds are being allocated for these programmes during the Eighth Five Year Plan, state-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (c) Employment is a thrust area of the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992—97). Accordingly, a growth strategy for accelerated employment generation through faster growth of sectors, sub-sectors and areas with relatively high employment potential is envisaged. Employment in Gujarat and in Maharashtra or in any State depends on